3. India gifted a consignment of 2,000 Metric Tons of rice at a cost of US$ 480,000.

4. The number of ITEC slots for training of Cambodian nationals has been increased from 15 to 20 in 1995.

5. We have also extended the term for one year of one Indian doctor deputed to Cambodia under India's ITEC Programme.

Setting up a Training Institute

1376. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government has submitted any proposal for setting up of a training institute for personnels working in the field of Inland Water Transport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto with the details of funds provided, if any?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. A project titled "Kerala Marine Engineering Institute" Thevara, Kochi was submitted to the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) by the Government of Kerala in 1995.

(b) The Institute is proposed to be set up as a Maritime Autonomous Society of Water Transport Deptt., Government of Kerala. Its objective is to impart theoretical and practical trainng to fresh candidates and present crew of Marine Inland vessels, harbour, crafts, fishing trawlers, dredgers, barges etc. and grant diploma/ certificates for Maritime trades. The Government of Kerala has sought financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 291.50 lakhs from the IWAI for setting up of the institute and its operation for the first three years viz; 1995-96 to 1997-98.

(c) The proposal of the Government of Kerala is being examined alongwith similar proposals received from other State Governments. In the Annual Plan 1996-97, under central schemes for IWT sector, a provision of Rs. 20 lakhs has been made for the purpose of setting up crew training centres.

[Translation]

Ahir Regiment

1377. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Ahir Regiment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Setting up of Technical/Management Institutes in Maharashtra

1378. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a good number of proposals are pending with the Government for setting up new Technical/Management Institutes in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reasons for their pending clearance; and

(c) the time by which the proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). Under the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act the Council is empowered to grant permission to start technical institutions and for introduction of new courses for which the Council has framed Regulations laying down, inter alia, the mechanism for this purpose. Out of 166 proposals received from the State of Maharashtra for starting 108 institutions in Engineering & Technology and 58 institutions of Management the Council has already approved 16 institutions in Engineering & Technology so far.

Submergence of KUB Project

1379. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of people likely to be affected due to submergence by Krishna Upper Bank project;

(b) whether necessary steps have been taken to help those affected people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) 1,26,574 people are likely to be affected due to submergence by Narayanpur Dam and Almati Dam of Upper Krishna Project Stage-I. The Project is receiving financial assistance from the World Bank.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to develop 105 resettlement colonies for oustees of Narayanpur Dam and Almati Dam of Upper Krishna Project

Stage-I. The progress achieved till March, 1996 is as under :-

(i)	Resettlement colonies	60 Nos.
(ii)	Open Wells	52 Nos.